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As I indicated in our telephone interview on April 8, 1999, here is a claim which is acceptable.

Proposed allowable claim:

10. A computer controlled vending machine system that selectively dispenses food and non food products including:

a plurality of door members with each door member including a plurality of individual transparent compartment doors,

a central computer which operates the vending machine according to a program of operations and stores data indicative of the performance of the vending machine,

a modem that can access the data stored in the computer and transmit the data to a personnel computer,

a plurality of multiple coin acceptor units having flip flop circuitry whereby an insertion of a first coin creates an output toggle pulse to activate the program of operations, and wherein

the plurality of coin acceptor units are located in the door members with each coin acceptor unit aligned with a compartment door and insertion of a predetermined value of coins in one of the coin acceptor units allows the aligned compartment door to be opened allowing dispensing of the product.

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Since so many changes have been made from how the claims appeared in claims 1 and 2 it has been rewritten as new claim 10. Therefore no underlining and bracketing of the claim is required. If the applicant wishes to present the claim as new claim 10, the original claims 1-9 should be canceled. Any dependent claims that the applicant wishes to present should be numbered starting at 11, should include terminology consistent with new claim 10 and should begin as follows:

11. The computer controlled vending machine of claim 10, including...

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